Appointments to Arts and Culture Partnership Council

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Two new members and two returning members have been appointed to the Nova Scotia Arts and Culture Partnership Council.

The new members are Donald Julien of Millbrook, Colchester Co. and Karen Diadick Casselman of Cheverie, Hants Co. Jenni Blackmore of Seaforth, Halifax Co. and Donald Ferguson of Glace Bay have been appointed as returning members. These appointments are for three years. The council members replace members appointed for one-year terms.

Donald Julien is executive director of the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq and a current member of the Nova Scotia Museum's board of governors. He has an extensive working background in both the Mi'kmaq and arts and culture communities.

Karen Diadick Casselman is a visual artist and teacher and has travelled the world presenting and teaching craft dyeing. She has written a number of books on crafts and monographs. Karen also has an extensive volunteer background.

"These volunteers bring a wide range of experience and enthusiasm to their work," said Rodney MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage. "They are very active in their communities and in developing and promoting the benefits of a healthy arts and culture sector."

The partnership council began operating in 2003. In consultation with those involved in arts and culture, its members provide advice to guide the department's ongoing investment in Nova Scotia's artists, cultural industries and cultural activities.

"I feel confident that we can provide leadership, program innovation and partnership opportunities to enhance the arts and culture community in Nova Scotia," says council chair Paul Gallant. "This partnership council is on the cutting edge in Canada, in terms of providing a foundation for growth in the sector and now we have to go out there and make it work."

The council members represent a cross-section of Nova Scotians with geographic and cultural diversity and provide a broad range of experience in the culture sector. The executive of the council includes: chair, Paul Gallant of Cheticamp; vice chair, Terry Kelly of Halifax and; secretary, Ken Schwartz of Canning.

Other council members include: Joella Foulds, Southside Boularderie, Victoria Co.; Wayne MacGillivary, Pictou; Donna

Wellard, Truro; Laura MacNutt, Dartmouth; and Dianne Coish and Marcel McKeough, representing the culture division, Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage.

The council is currently seeking a representative from the southern region of the province and welcomes interested volunteers to submit a resume and letter of application to the attention of Peggy Turner, at P.O. Box 456, Halifax, B3J 2R5, by fax 902-424-0710 or by e-mail nsacpc@gov.ns.ca.

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